(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any consultation with the State Governments have been held in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) by when such a policy would be framed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) Necessary provisions for Inter-State transport which include Inter-State Permits, National Permits, All India Tourist Permits etc. already exist in the Motor Vehicle Act, 1988 and Rules made thereunder.

(b) to (e) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Lucknow-Delhi Highway

†2607. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose a scheme to strengthen and develop Lucknow-Delhi highway;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when this would be complete?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Continuous efforts have been made to improve the Delhi-Lucknow road, NH-24. Delhi-Ghaziabad-Hapur section is already four laned. In Hapur-Moradabad section, the work of four laning has been awarded. Moradabad-Lucknow section is two lane and is proposed to be four-laned under National Highway Development Programme (NHDP) phase-III. This stretch has been maintained in traffic worthy condition.

Length of National Highways in Uttaranchal

2608. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

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